

**Location:** Carmel Town Office

**Selectmen Present:** Daniel Frye, Jared Fitts and Isaac Raymond

**Absent:** Suzan Rudnicki and Timothy Richardson, Jr.

**Town Manager/CEO:** Kevin Howell

**Rec. Secretary:** Coreen Sylvester

**Guests Present:** Glennis McSorley and Toby Pelletier

**6:30 PM:** Daniel Frye called the Selectmen's meeting to order.

**MINUTES:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the minutes of May 8, 2023 as written. Isaac Raymond seconded. Three voted in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sign Ordinance Certifications/Schedule Special Town Meeting:** Jared Fitts made a motion to sign certificates of proposed ordinances for Subdivision, Flood Plain Management and Shoreland Zoning. Isaac Raymond seconded. Three voted in favor.

Isaac Raymond made a motion to sign a warrant for a special town meeting to vote on proposed updated ordinances and schedule the town meeting for June 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Golden Harvest Grange Hall. Jared Fitts seconded. Three voted in favor.

**RSU 87 Building Committee – Designate Board Representative:** Kevin let the Board know the Superintendent took his suggestion and is forming a building committee to oversee proposed building additions/renovations to RSU 87 (Carmel and Levant) schools. They are suggesting having the superintendent and the town manager, a school board member and a selectman from each town as members. After discussion, Selectmen decided to wait until a full board is present to designate a representative.

**Proposed 2023/2024 School Budget:** Kevin said Superintendent Mark Turner was unable to be here tonight, but he sent over a revenue sheet for Selectmen to reference. The budget meeting is at Caravel Middle School on June 1, and the referendum election is on June 6.

**Junior Firefighter Program:** Kevin stated the junior firefighter program is up and running again. This year the Fire Department was able to get into the school curriculum and have recruited nine kids.

**Spring Cleanup Recap:** There was discussion regarding the spring cleanup for this year. Kevin said it had a rough start as Casella's trucks and crew were late due to communication errors between Casella's management and their crew. There were not enough packer trucks and containers available, but they were able to have more brought in later in the

day. Casella employees all said it was by far the largest cleanup they had ever participated in.

**Town Landing Update:** Kevin let Selectmen know the dock at the town landing has been installed. The library has put a story walk there, and there is an eagle scout project in the works to install information kiosks. There is an abandoned beaver house next to the dock. Kevin got a permit from D.E.P. to be allowed to remove it, so it will be coming out this summer.

**General Assistance Update:** There was discussion about the recent increase in general assistance applications this month compared to previous months, as well as the procedures for handling first-time versus repeat applicants.

**LD 2003 (Affordable Housing):** Kevin said the way he interprets the law, he doesn't believe we will have to adjust our ordinances.

**Update on Five Road Railroad Trestle:** Kevin said he reached out to D.O.T., who told him we have the Five Road bridge adequately marked, but we can put up additional signage if we choose. They did recommend having the CSX engineers determine the clearance to post.

**Town Manager Vacation Request:** The Town Manager requested June 20-21 off as vacation days. Selectmen had no objections.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of May 15, 2023 in the amount of \$9,556.79. Isaac Raymond seconded. Three voted in favor.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the payroll warrant of May 22, 2023 in the amount of \$8,888.89. Isaac Raymond seconded. Three voted in favor.

**WARRANT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to accept the accounts payable warrant of May 22, 2023 in the amount of \$68,824.14. Isaac Raymond seconded. Three voted in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jared Fitts made a motion to adjourn. Isaac Raymond seconded. Three voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.